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SUBJECT: SALE OF NAVAL VESSELS TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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1. SALE PRICES FOR VESSELS ARE DEPENDENT ON CURRENT SCRAP VALUE AND THEREFORE FUTURE PRICES WILL REFLECT THE MINOR VARIATIONS OF SCRAP MARKET. DOD WILL PROVIDE PRICE MODIFICATIONS AS SALES DATES APPROACH.

2. IN VIEW ABOVE, FOLLOWING SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR NOTE PROPOSED REFS. A AND B: QUOTE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE INTEREST OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN EXTENDING THE LOANS OF CERTAIN VESSELS, WITH A VIEW TOWARD PURCHASING THEM AT A LATER DATE. THESE DISCUSSIONS

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HAVE RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING VESSELS: THE EX-USS KIMBERLY

(DD-521), THE EX-USS RILEY (DE-579), AND THE EX-USS YARNALL (DD-541).

3. THE LOAN OF THE EX-USS KIMBERLY WAS MADE PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA EFFECTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES SIGNED AT TAIPEI MARCH 14 AND APRIL 1, 1967. THE LOAN OF THE EX-USS RILEY WAS MADE

PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS EFFECTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES SIGNED AT TAIPEI ON DECEMBER 7 AND DECEMBER 15, 1967. THE LOAN OF THE EX-USS YARNALL WAS MADE PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS EFFECTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES SIGNED AT TAIPEI ON JUNE 18, 1968.

4. I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE TO YOU THAT THE LOANS OF THE EX-USS KIMBERLY AND EX-USS YARNALL BE EXTENDED ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS ARE SPECIFIED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED EXCHANGES OF NOTES UNTIL JULY 1, 1974 AND THE EX-USS RILEY UNTIL JULY 1, 1975; THAT ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE FOREGOING SHIPS BY SALE FROM THE USG TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA THEN BE CONCLUDED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THAT THE AGREEMENTS EFFECTED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED EXCHANGE OF NOTES INsofar AS THEY RELATE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED SHIPS SHALL THEREAFTER CEASE TO BE EFFECTIVE.

5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROCEDURE THE SHIPS WOULD THEN BE OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AT A PRICE TO BE DETERMINED AT THAT TIME AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO THE SALE OF DEFENSE ARTICLES BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

6. IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, I HAVE THE FURTHER HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE TOGETHER WITH YOUR NOTE IN REPLY CONCURRING THEREIN SHALL CONSTITUTE AN EXTENSION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE ABOVEMENTIONED VESSELS UNTIL THE DATES INDICATED, AFTER WHICH THE AGREEMENTS WILL BE TERMINATED IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED ABOVE. END QUOTE.
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